(*b*) if not, when they would propose to take it up ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes. (*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*) above.

Sri R. NAGAN GOUDA.—I want to know what progress has been made on this road, whether they are doing only earthwork or they have taken up the metalling of the road and if so, how many miles have been completed at present ?

† Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—This road has been split up into three parts, namely :

i. Mariammananhalli—Dananyanakere
ii. Dananyanakere—Darga
iii. Darga to Yeswanthanagar

The first bit of road has already been formed ; the second bit has also been formed and that constitutes the R.C.C. road and the third bit, probably last time when I had been to Hospet, the hon. Member represented to me about this. Immediately I asked my engineers to take up this work and the Engineers have prepared an estimate for Rs. 43,500; they have already spent some money over it and about 3 miles 6 furlongs is already done. There is something more to be done. We will take it up next year.

Sri M. Y. GHORPADE.—In view of the fact that this is a very important road, will the Goverment consider metalling it in time and taking it up as a State Fund Road ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—We cannot take it up unless it is taken over by the Public Works Department. This road is not taken over by the P.W.D. and hence we will not be in a position either to metal it or widen that road. Next time when we take it up under P.W.D. we will be able to take up this work.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question No. 403.

Modification of Trusses in M. I, S .W.

403. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chikkanayakanahalli).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the estimated cost of modification of Trusses of Annealing Plant due to wrong design in Mysore Iron and Steel Works ;

(*b*) the authority which designed the same before modification ;

(*c*) the reason for modification ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) There was no change in the design of roof trusses in the Annealing and Heat Treatment Shop of the Mysore Iron and Steel Limited. The question of the estimated cost of their modification does not, therefore, arise.

(*b*) The original design was prepared by M/s. Industrial Development Consortium (P) Ltd.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of the reply to clause (*a*) above.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—In answer to (a) it is stated there was no change in the design of roof trusses. If there is no change in the design, was there change in dimension ?

†**Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.**—Not even that.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—If the original estimate was prepared by M/s. Industrial Development Consortium (P) Ltd., who prepared the revised plan ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Neither the dimension was changed nor the design was changed. The Chimney has to pass through the roof and so arrangement is made through the roof.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question No. 415.

Grant of Forest Lands to Backward Class people

415. **Sri L. S. NAIK** (Gokak).—

Will the Minister of State for Forests be pleased to state : –

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that forest lands in Belgaum District are being given to backward class people since about 40 years on annual lease basis ;

(*b*) whether the said lands will be converted as non-forest lands and given to the said backward class people permanently as the said people are cultivating the said lands till to-date ;

(*c*) if so, when the same will be given ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Minister of State for Forests).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Usually it is not so.

(c) Does not arise.